

Lakeland Terrier Club Welfare and Re-Homing Scheme

Welfare

Re-homing

We are happy to report that there have only been a small number of Lakelands needing new homes this year but there will always be a need for this consideration in any breed club. With this in mind we have decided on a few guidelines to help our members understand how we operate.

In the first instance, please contact the breeder of your Lakeland. Under Kennel Club Guidelines and the Breeders Code of Conduct, they are obliged to help wherever possible to give advice and may be able to assist in the re-homing of your pet should that be the ultimate decision.

1. Any pedigree Lakeland can be helped by us if its home circumstances change. We are a Kennel Club affiliated breed club specifically founded for the promotion and well being of Kennel Club registered Lakeland Terriers. We have very limited accommodation and funds; do not have charity status and therefore, regretfully cannot be responsible for other types of terrier/dog that may be in need of re-homing.
2. We will always ask for an honest background of the dog and the reasons for its plight. This is essential for successful re-homing.
3. We can if necessary place the dog in temporary kennels where it will be assessed for health and temperament.
4. We will ask for a donation from the current owner towards the care and costs involved.
5. Kennel Club registration papers, vaccination certificates, and microchip details should, where possible, be passed to the LTC Welfare.
6. A signed declaration that the dog has been voluntarily handed over must be obtained.
7. All bitches will be spayed before re-homing.

When we receive enquiries from prospective new owners for our rescue dogs, there will always be questions from both parties. Ours will include:-

1. Is there somebody at home at least most of the day? – Young dogs can get bored if left alone for long periods and may become destructive or noisy. This is often a reason for dogs being unwanted and coming into care.
2. Have you owned a Lakeland /a terrier/ any dog before? – Everybody has to start somewhere but those of us who already know the characters and temperaments of terriers have a head start!
3. Are there any children in the home, if so what ages? – Most Lakelands love children but depending on its upbringing and past experiences, a “rescue” dog may not be suitable for some families.
4. Are there any other pets in the home, if so what types? – We would not advise 2 Terriers together and definitely not 2 of the same sex. Cats, rabbits etc are not usually suitable to live alongside Lakelands unless they have been raised together.
5. Are you willing to make a reasonable contribution towards obtaining your new pet? - This could vary according to circumstances and the dog concerned.

If you are interested in re-homing a Lakeland and have considered the above questions, please get in touch with our Secretary Carol Ockwell on 0161-975 7937 or Elaine Baldwin on 01302 742095 , or Janette Callon on 01524 35493, who will give you all the information on the current situation